

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims is intended to supercede all previously filed listings of claims. Changes are shown with deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underlined.

Kindly enter the following amendments to the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A ~~sports pole~~-mounting structure for mounting a sports pole, comprising:

a ground sleeve, said ground sleeve configured to be mounted in the ground;

a support member mounted within said ground sleeve;

~~a sports pole; and~~

a bracket attachable to ~~said~~the sports pole and engageable with said support member to support ~~said~~the sports pole and inhibit rotation of ~~said~~the sports pole; and

a collar having an aperture and at least one engagement section, the collar receiving the sports pole through the aperture and the collar being positionable on the sports pole above said bracket such that the at least one engagement section is engageable with said ground sleeve;

wherein said bracket includes a first protrusion and a second protrusion, the first protrusion and the second protrusion being positioned to receive said support member between the first protrusion and the second protrusion.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The ~~sports pole~~-mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein said bracket comprises a first piece and a second piece, the first piece and second piece are secured together around ~~said~~the sports pole and joined by fasteners located on opposite sides of ~~said~~the sports pole.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). The ~~sports pole~~-mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein the said first protrusion and the second protrusion extends substantially below the upper surface of said support member such that the first protrusion and the second protrusion inhibits rotation of ~~said~~the sports pole.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently amended). The ~~sports pole~~-mounting structure according to claim ~~6~~1, wherein the collar further comprises at least two engagement sections of different sizes.

Claim 8 (currently amended). The ~~sports pole~~-mounting structure according to claim ~~6~~1, wherein ~~said~~the sports pole supports a basketball goal.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The ~~sports pole~~-mounting structure according to claim ~~6~~1, wherein ~~said~~the sports pole supports a volleyball net.